Prologue

Slow cool breezes were being blown through the windows of classroom, quite voices of students, birds chirping on the trees outside, the atmosphere was as calm as what some people would call heaven, among the few student chatting away, few even sleeping there was one student quietly staring outside the window with his calm golden eyes, swaying black hair with a faint smile as if enjoying this fleeting moment to it's fullest. But his face was rather blurry as if it was blurred by someone to hide his face

The class sure is calm today, a yawn escapes my mouth before continuing to look back at the tree outside the window, it's quite pretty tree, I may as well never get bored of looking at it.

Just as the bell rang I looked at the academy gate and saw a tall, muscular man with short black hair and eyes entering in academy uniform

I haven't seen him around? Is he a new student? Mid-semester? Maybe a exchange student? Rare to see in such a prestigious academy, well I'll ask nova for his information. Uh- I almost forgot I haven't been to council in weeks, god it's gonna be annoying.

After a few minuets the bell rang and the homeroom professor came, they began speaking in a elegant manner

"Good Afternoon class, Today Before we begin our class we have a new student joining the class beside all of you, come in"

The professor stopped talking and the muscular guy I saw before came in the classroom and started his introduction

"H-hello everyone, I am Ivan it's a pleasure to meet you, I hope we can be friends and study well from now on, I look forward to it" he forms a small smile and looks over to me for a second before looking at professor again

"Good Job Ivan, I am sure you will get along with them just fine now go sit beside Agnis"

The professor points at me and Ivan starts walking towards me and sits

on the chair beside me and waves his hand with a friendly smile.

He seems like a good guy, rare too see them these days

“Now let’s get started, open your textbooks to page no.....“

After a while

The bell rings and the professor shuts his book close and talks

“That’s all for today, perfect timing of the bell, have fun eating your lunch, oh
and Agnis and Ivan wait here”
“Hm?”
“Okay, professor!”
I have a bad feeling about this..
“Agnis, Nova told me to ask you to visit council, don’t tell me you haven’t been there for days again? And while you’re at it give Ivan a tour of academy”
“Thank, Kizaru-sensei I’ll do that” a small painful smile spreads across my face
“As straight as always? Be a little energetic will you? And try not to sleep in classroom” says Kizaru-sensei with a scary smile
“I’ll keep that in mind, thank you” I try to smile as nicely as possible but he isn’t making it easy
“Agnis-San?”
“Hm? Oh Ivan-kun, let’s get going shall we?” being polite now is gonna be hard like this.

This is terrible I wanted to enjoy my lunch but now I have to give him a tour?! Ugh! What is the facility doing at time like this?!
Well whatever, let’s just get this over with and eat my lunch in peace

After a tour around the academy and explaining about the different faculties

“And last but not the least, student council club’s room, you can imagine what it is used for already. Anyway I have some work to do now here if you want I can introduce you to people of student council later. Now if you’ll excuse me I’ll take my leave”

“A-ah! Thank you Agnis-San, thank you very much for the tour! I am also going to the cafeteria to lunch! See ya soon!”

he turns around and leaves for cafeteria while waving his hand towards me before disappearing at corner

Well that's now done, I should check out why nova wanted to see me, but I already have an idea why..... God this is going to be tough

I open the door of council room and see a beautiful girl with long black and brown hair shining and waving elegantly from the warm sunlight and cool breeze coming from one open window in the room. Her big black Dark Blue eyes shining gently and blinking slowly as if she has been working tirelessly for the whole day she is wearing a black uniform with golden and red ends and design with a red tie elegantly warped around her collar and matching skirt. She is sitting on one of the fancy chairs around a round table with red carpet draped over it with golden colored lining design on it, she seems to be working on a pile of papers, looks like she is almost done with it.

"Hey Nova, it's been a while! You Look as beautiful as always!" I raise my hand and point towards her and smile playfully with a playful wink

She suddenly blushes and looks away before looking back and replying with a scary look and a smile

"Whose fault do you think it is huh?!" she gets up from her seat, I forgot how short she is, she almost looks like a small disaster coming towards me slowly

"Ah-ahahah I wonder" crap, she is very angry.... May god save me

"Tell me Agnis?! Why have you not visited council for weeks?!" she shouts while looking up at me with scary stare and points a finger at me

"I-I don-" she hits me in the head with a rolled up textbook

"Ouch! That hurt nova!"

"Bear with it, you need learn to not skip council hours!"

"Okay-okay, I am sorry!"

"You better be after all the work I had to do because of you!"

"Sorry-sorry!"

"There is a new exchange student in you class, I'm sure you already know"

"Ah Ivan? Right yeah he's been introduced just before lunch"

"That's good, anyways he is the second student with a full coverage of education fees by scholarship."

"Wow must be hard working guy huh?"

"Yeah, it's a surprise because our academy doesn't give full edu. Scholarships to anyone, you two are the only exceptions"

"Mhmhm"

I eat the chips that nova just put
“Hey those are mine!”
“Not anymore!”
I take the bowl of chips and start eating
“Geez!” she sighs loudly before sitting down on her chair
“How’s the decor of the room?”

Now that I look at it it seems that council got their budget expanded because the room is much more decorated than before. There are plants in corners and a very fancy looking chair just a bit away from table, it’s probably for the president of council AKA me!

“Ah that’s a great chair! Is it for me?”
“You bet.”
“Awnnnnnn!! You’re trying to win me over? Nova-chan~”
“I am going to kill you”
“Ouch!”
She hits me in the head with the rolled up book
Then suddenly the sound bell ringing is heard
“Ah! My next class is gonna start!”
“Same, let’s go”

We head over to our own classrooms and day goes by without anything interesting happening, the school went smooth without any bothers..... Well except me getting lectured by Nova

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Finally home! I can’t wait to eat and sleep.
I went into my house and headed over to bedroom and lay down.

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Ah! Damn it I fell asleep?! What time is it?
6 PM?! “Dammit how long did I sleep?!”

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A soft symphony of music flowed through air, a slow stroke on a violin, a gentle press of piano, the concentrated air flowing through the flute in a way that even the greatest of musicians would kneel upon hearing, the soft

and gentle voice singing in a simple but such a language that would unknown to anyone except itself

“A Bit Sweetness upon his lips, the fine eyes that never miss the light
Yet empty as the void’s gentle sip, a endearing yet sorrowful sight”

The Singing stopped as if to declare that, the song should never be spoken through the lips of her.

She stared at the night sky filled with starts and the soft glow they gave off, the moon shining brighter than ever.

She turned around and nodded without saying a word and the group of people behind her nodded in unison with expressions that just simply can’t be read by human eyes.

All of them made a path for her while bowing she walked and walked through the path and they followed into something no-one knew of.

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I walked into the classroom as always but this time a big figure greeted me with a bright smile.

“Good morning Agnis, how are you?” He Asked while heading to his seat, I went and sat at my seat and then began answering.

“Good Morning Ivan, I am Good As Always, what about you?”

“That certainly is a roundabout way of saying, I’m fine as well” he said with a short ended laughter as the professor came and started the lecture

In middle of the lecture Ivan began whispering to me

“Hey Agnis, I want to visit the student council once, can you help me?”

“Sure, I guess? But why so suddenly?”

“I just want to meet the official student council members, I’ve heard their president is a genius in everything well except sports I guess, and the vice-president is also a prodigy in Kendo and Katana wielding and many other sword-related sports. The others are no normal student as well! There’s a lot of information about them online! Especially the president! He is my idol, but his face is always a bit blurred in every picture” he blurted out with a excited expression and a big smile

“Okay then, I’ll be waiting there in lunch at student council office”

I am a bit surprised that someone would be this excited just too meet someone, just like fans meeting their heroes off-screen I guess not like I could ever feel like that, it’s just stupid for me.

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The lectures go by while Ivan focused on them like a diligent student, I was occasionally taking some notes on whatever seemed important to me. The bell rang again, the student began rushing out after the professor dismissed the class.

I walked towards the door while Ivan was packing his things

I turn my head around and began speaking “meet you at the council, Ivan”

Everyone who heard that began looking my way with shocked expressions as I left.

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“Meet you there, Agnis” Ivan was done with packing his stuffed as he looked up at the many students in front of his seat with different expression some surprised and some looked like they were watching a scapegoat begin sacrificed with amused faces

Ivan looked at them and before he could say anything a boy began speaking

“Hey, you’re the new transfer student no?”

“A-ah I a-“

“What did you do dude?” another boy added before Ivan could finish

“W-what?”

“Agnis is waiting for you? AT the Student council office? Damn you must have done some big stuff to anger him!”

“W-what?”

“You don’t know? Agnis never goes to the council club unless it’s absolutely needed.”

“Heck! He hasn’t been there for a month this time!”

“Ah, but is that even something? I mean no student would like to occasionally visit there, that would mean trouble no?”

“Oh yeah! You must not know, Agnis is the president of student council”

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There was a knock at the door, I wonder if it was Ivan?

“Come In” Nova said without looking at the door

Ivan Came through the door with hesitant steps while looking down

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‘He is the president?! Why didn’t he tell me?! Is he trying to make fun of me? But I’ve heard the president is s glorified person with absolute dignity and elegance. And that guy? He seems like he isn’t even interested in the lessons! Ahhhh this is so embarrassing! I can’t think straight. I should visit

him’

I began taking hasty steps towards the council before reaching it’s door. I tried to reach for the door but my hand was shaking and my steps were hesitant, but after a moment I knocked on the door and patiently waited for an answer.

After what felt like an eternity a sweet and gentle but also stiff voice came through the door

“come in”

After hearing the invitation I hesitated before building the courage to open the door and walk in.

And there he was sitting on a fancy chair with his golden eyes shining brightly his face barely visible with the sunlight coming from behind him. he resembled a king sitting on his throne with a round table in middle. He was grinning, as if he knew what I was thinking, why didn’t he tell me?? Now that I look at him doesn’t his face look a bit blurry-

I looked around sheepishly and spotted another rather smaller figure sitting beside Agnis on a less fancy chair, she was indulged in her work with great focus, her long hair swaying in the air profoundly, her lips glistening from the soft sunlight that illuminated her face, making her looks to be on very well par with angels from movies and novels. Her soft black eyes focused on the paper below as her hand slowly picks p the pen and draws lines and words as majestically as her own self.

I stood frozen in time looking at her silently before meeting her gaze. I abruptly looked at Agnis as he began speaking

“N-nice to meet you, Ivan I am Agnis!” he cheers and throws his hands in air laughing

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After what felt like a eternity Ivan began speaking

“A-ah!! Nice to meet you too Agnis! I am Ivan!!!” he blurted out while bowing down.

“You don’t need to bow you know?”

“Ah yes!”

“So you wanted to meet the student council? Well for now only the vice-president Nova is here others are a bit busy with their personal stuff”

“Nice to meet you too miss vice president!” again he was embarrassed but this time he was much more than before.

Nova took a glare at Ivan and began speaking “just Nova is fine, I don’t like the courtesy”

“A- y-yes miss Nova!!”

A sense of disappointment hovered on Nova’s face, as she sighed heavily before looking at me.

“So?”

“Well how would I know?” I said with a shrug

“As irresponsible as ever huh?”

“Oh why, Thank you!”

“And you?”

She pointed at Ivan

“Ek-! I-I don’t know...” the room fell into a silence.

“Let’s have lunch together shall we?”

I said while getting off the chair and walking towards Ivan and patted his shoulder with a grin

Nova got up and walked behind me brushing past Ivan

There was a hint of a very sweet perfume from her that intoxicated Ivan as he stood there watching her

“Let’s go Ivan?”

“Y-yes sir!”

Looks like he is still in shock of that surprise.

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We walked through the corridor and reached the rooftop

“The air is quite fresh here, isn’t it” Nova looked at me while sitting down against the railing

“It sure is”

I sat down beside her and Ivan sat beside me with a sheepish expression as we began eating.

Ivan stole sneaky glances every now and then towards Nova as we were eating

I whispered in his ear “already in love with her hm?”

At my declaration Ivan’s ears turned bright red as he looked away with a small no escaping his mouth involuntary.

“What are you two whispering about?”

“No, it’s nothing”

She looked at me for a while before taking a piece of my lunch

“Hey! That’s mine!”

“Not anymore” she quickly ate the piece she had taken

“You little.....”

I sighed

Ivan was giggling and crackling away from beside me

“What are you laughing at huh?”

“No, no it’s just that I never expected the students of such a school act like kids”

“You wanna die?!” nova said while pointing her fork at Ivan

“Ek- sorry!”

I began laughing softly and then uncontrollably as he hide hiding behind me, soon both of them began laughing.

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After a while both Ivan and Nova were talking nonstop about whatever they could think up

I got up from in-between them and still they talked and talked, I stood a bit far away from them and looked at the two engaging like they have been friends for years and years

They were laughing and smiling while Ivan was now and then blushing but quickly hiding it

I looked at them for a while before hearing the ring of bell again to interrupt their conversation, and I have never hated a bell more than in that moment

“Let’s go shall we?” said Nova while mimicking my voice

“Yeah yeah”

“Whats the next class?”

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We completed our classes and met outside the campus, we walked and chatted for a while

“It was really fun back then!”

“I can imagine”

“How about we go and get something?”

“Like?”

“Coffee? Snacks?”

“I have a idea! How about some fried chicken?”

“Hmm let’s go to my house then I have some left over raw chicken ill cook us some”

Just after I said that both of them looked at me suprised

“What?”

“You can cook?” both of them shouted at me

“Yeah obviously, who do you think cooked and packed my lunch?”

“I don’t know you, mother?”

“I don’t live with my family you know”

“Oh yeah! Sorry Agnis!”

“Why-”

“Shush!” Nova stopped Ivan before he could finish the sentence

“It’s nothing, let’s go to your house Agnis!”

After a while we reached my house and both of them sat at the table and

I got to cooking while both of them chatted around

“The dinner is done!”

I said and brought the dinner to the table, it was nothing fancy just plated of some omu-rice and fried chicken In middle with a sauce.

“Damn dude didn’t know you cooked so well”

Nova took a piece of chicken and ate it afterwards Ivan joined in.

“You’re right! This is better than any fast-food ones!”

“Thanks, I do cook a lot so yeah”

“You’re packing an extra lunch for me from now on okay?!”

“That’s-“

“Promise me!”

I looked at the laughing Ivan and sighed before saying

“Okay,okay I promise”

Nova’s face brightened up like a kid and she nodded in hurry while devouring the food and coughing

“The food is going nowhere” I said while passing a glass of water to nova

“Can’t help it!”

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After eating Nova and Ivan helped me clean up everything and do the dishes

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After a while of cleaning and us doing random things while having a pleasant time

Ivan and Nova got up and went towards the door

“We should leave now it’s a bit late don’t you think nova?”

“Yeah let’s go”

“Goodnight both of you, visit again!”

“Yeah for your cooking!”

“Sure Agnis!”

“Bye!”

“Bye!” after the quick exchange of glances they went out their own way

This has been pleasant no? It was fun having someone over after so long. I almost forgot that I haven't had anyone over at my house let alone my friends....

Well maybe I’ll cook something more nice for them next time I guess.

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It’s already morning? I get up while looking at the window and opening it, slow breeze come through accompanied by soft sunlight to illuminate the

dark room.

The flying birds soared through the sky with freedom that humans could never attain in this society but still dreamed of every once in a while.

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The school gate was open with trees planted on the sidewalks for shade, the wind picking and dropping off leaves every once in a while seemed rather interesting to me than most of what was happening around me.

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As same as the previous day the same gentle giant figure greeted me with a smile on his face but this time with Nova standing beside him

It seems like they were chatting away before I came

“I have the same class today as you two!”

“That’s great! We can have lunch together like yesterday”

“Did you bring mine Agnis???”

“Yea I did don’t worry!”

“Yay!” she said while clapping her hand together once

“Someone sounds happy”

“I am sure she is”

We began chatting away but after a while the professor entered the classroom and began the lecture

“This is boring, right Agnis?”

Nova said in a whisper while tapping on her notebook with her pen

“What are you scribbling?”

“It’s nothing just a butterfly”

Nova leaned towards me to take a look at the small butterfly with a crow that I had drawn on one corner of my notebook

“That’s pretty-“

Before she could finish the professor called out her name and asked her a question

Though a little surprised she answered correctly and sat down

“Phew! That was close call!”

“Yeah it sure was”

“He sure is focused on the lecture, isn’t he?”

I glanced over at Ivan who was scratching his head with pen and distressed

“More like confused”

Ivan looked here with a confused look

I gave him a thumbs up with a smile and nova just grinned at him

He looked at us with a pleading gesture and mouthed the words ‘Help me!’

Nova looked at me with a grin and pointed at the digital blackboard

“Have fun~” she said to him as he looked over

I contained a bit of laugh as I looked out the window.

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The bell rang and last lecture before lunch break was dismissed, both of them turned around to look at me and said

“Let’s go!”

“Ah- yes” I woke up from where I had been dozing off and grabbed the bag of lunch boxes I brought

“You having a party or something prez?” **a** boy said from afar

“Nah, just some extra for friends” I replied and began walking out of classroom

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We reached the rooftop and sat down as I handed them both the lunch boxes

“Hey! This looks so good!”

“It sure does, I hope you didn’t have much trouble making it”

“Heh! Of course I made it, it’s good!”

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We eat while laughing and talking about how our days went

“And so I made a ne-“

Suddenly there was a loud rumble sound, I quickly got up and the other two followed with same expression of surprise and nova nodded at me

Then again it rang but this time there was a big crackle noise and a big earthquake began rumbling

“Get out of here quick, it’s a earthquake” I shouted before running down stairs

There was a rush of students going downstairs and the officials were guiding them accordingly while reducing causalities

Obviously there wasn’t a way to go about this with so many students and all of them in panic

“All of you! Form a line and go downstairs without pushing anyone!” shouts of students and officials rang aloud

I looked out the window and saw the panic struck faces of people running around and about everywhere trying to find a way to escape

I ran to the broadcast room and turned the emergency broadcast channel on “attention every student and officials! This is a emergency broadcast by the president of student council, Agnis. All of the officials are to help the students evacuate safely and evacuate safely as well, do not panic! Use the emergency exits and follow the guidance given by the officials”

Everyone began calming down bit by bit with the help of officials and Agnis and nova alike but the earthquake was going on for way too long it had been several minutes and it was not showing any signs of stopping

There were many derbies falling from the building itself and many other buildings

I get out of the building and find nova standing there

“Is everyone evacuated?”

“Agnis! Ah yes, everyone is evacuated and the ones who are hurt are being treated”

“That’s a relief!”

After looking around for a bit I spotted Ivan, he was helping move the ones who were hurt, he noticed me and quickly after his work was done ran towards us

“Are you okay, Agnis?!” he asked in a fit of panic

“I am fine Ivan, don’t worry!”

“Ah! That’s a relief!”

“How about both of you?”

“I am fine!”

They both answer in perfect sync

“That’s great! Have you gotten any other news on what’s happening?”

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I look around and see that the rumble is yet to die down, every building in vicinity had debris falling out of it, some sights of smaller building collapsing can be seen

“Isn’t this a too big of a earthquake?”

“Yes, but let’s get to the shelters first, the authorities will take care of everything”

We all nod before beginning to walk off to a nearby shelter with the other students

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In middle of walking, suddenly I hear a cry of a kid

Hm?! It’s coming from there.... Should let them go and check for myself

“Hey, you two go ahead I’ll be back”

Before they can reply I run off to the place that the sound was coming from and find a kid crying with his leg crushed under a piece of concrete

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“Hey?! Are you okay kid?!”

Thekid remains silent as i quickly approached to him and push the derbies off his leg and help him stand

“You okay now? Where are your parents?”

He doesn’t say anything but groans in pain

“Ah! T-that t-thi-thing is f-following me! mist-“

Before he or I can mutter out anything his head falls off with a clean slice

Specks of blood spatters on my cheek as I freeze in horror

What?!-

A ominous aura reverberated through the entirety of the road, I could feel all of my body shriek back and feel my spine get cold

Loud footsteps echoes through, and sound of metal grinding on the ground resound from back

Screech.....

“Tch-tch-tch, that won’t do now will it? That was my prey you know? How dare you try to save him hum?”

I freeze up at the husky sound that was nowhere near human sound, a intense feeling of terror strikes through me and I try to move my feet but the sheer amount of pressure from the voice makes it near impossible to move

I have to move! Damn it-

“What were you trying to be hm? Some kind of brave hero in white shining Armor!? You are not supposed to be here as well!”

The footsteps’s end behind me as I try to move every fiber of my being in a frenzy of terror mixed with intense pain

Shit shit shit! Think think of something!

And in a flash everything my view was spinning and blurry and I could see my lifeless body fall on the ground with a thud

Something similar to a hand of some kind of insect and human hybrid was holding my head and saying something but my consciousness was flickering making it hard to make out his words

It’s face was something beyond human comprehension and it was blurry? Or was my view I couldn’t tell

“N——ay! H— m—v—d?!, und— my lif—f-r-c-?”

Just what is that monster?!

My view turned dark and I knew what had happened

Without even having the chance.

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After a while I regained my consciousness with a strike of pain through my mind and a holographic screen was floating before my eyes with [You have died. The Death rejects you.]